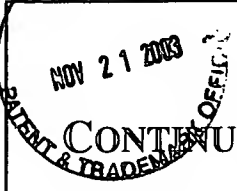


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| <div><p><b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b></p><p><b>MAIL STOP RCE</b><br/>Commissioner for Patents<br/>P.O. Box 1450<br/>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p><p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br/>provides for continued examination of an utility or<br/>plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995</p></div> | Application Number   |  | 09/996,580        |
|   | Confirmation Number  |  | 3790              |
|   | Filing Date          |  | November 30, 2001 |
|   | First Named Inventor |  | Motohisa TAGUCHI  |
|   | Group Art Unit       |  | 2832              |
|   | Examiner Name        |  | Karl D. EASTHOM   |
|   | Matter Number        |  | Q66805            |
|   | Title                | VEHICLE-MOUNTED<br>MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSOR ELEMENT |                   |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 23, 2003
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

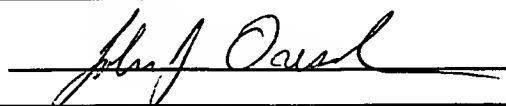
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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

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Signature  Date November 21, 2003